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Mr. Garry Pierce,

My name is Greg Raymond and I live in the Mohave Electric Cooperative service area. Even though I do not like it, I understand the Cooperatives current rate increase proposal and the reasons for it. There are a couple issues that I would like to address, one of which is directly related to this issue.

I do not agree with placing fixed costs into the energy rate. I believe that fixed costs need to be de-coupled and added to all Coop members equally because that would be fairer, hence the coop concept. It appears that the majority of Mohave Electric Coop's shortfall right now is in its operations budget, which is directly related to the fixed costs. Please make these costs, collected under the Customer Charge, be equal to all members/users. The electricity is there for all to use and connect to, please don't place the burden of these costs on a use based system, the more you use the more you pay, for these operational costs. these costs should be shared equally amongst all users.

My other concern is that about the negative publicity that is going around about smart meters. Do people not realize that similar technology meters have been attached to their gas meters years ago and most people are already connected to utilities via phone line or cable and/or internet? Why all of a sudden a big problem with another utility moving forward in technology? The electrical system of this country needs to modernize and get into the tech game, smart meters do this. I can now watch my daily usage and adjust if need be because of smart meter technology. Please do not allow a few paranoid people to disrupt the deployment of this wonderful technology.

Allowing people to 'opt out' of this progressing system would only sustain current operations, which due to the increases in costs, would increase costs overall. Those costs would have to be absorbed, not just by them but by all members, which again would not be fair. Please research this issue more to see the true reality before allowing people to be steered to an uneducated and more expensive way of doing business.

Thank you for your considerations in these matters, should you like to discuss this further please feel free to call me @ [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Greg Raymond

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